

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)**

**January 7, 2009  
Hampton Inn, Okemos, Michigan  
10:00 am — 3:00 pm**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Introduction of Guests
- IV. Approval of Proposed January Agenda
- V. Approval December 3, 2008 Minutes – see enclosed minutes
- VI. Public Comment – opportunity for Public Participation at the SEAC meeting. See SEAC By-laws and Procedures, Section IV.E. (Page 11) in the SEAC Resource Notebook for details.
- VII. Chairperson's Report
  - A. Nominations for 2009-2010 SEAC Executive Committee – See enclosed document “2009-2010 Eligible SEAC Members for Nomination to SEAC Executive Committee – 1/7/09 Document #1”
  - B. SEAC Parking Lot
  - C. SEAC Word Wall – See enclosed document “SEAC Acronyms – 1/7/09 Document #2”
  - D. Requested URLs
  - E. SEAC Subcommittees
  - F. February eMeeting: Eaton Intermediate School District, Charlotte MI & Delta-Schoolcraft Intermediate School District, Escanaba MI. See enclosed document “Map to Eaton ISD – 1/7/09 Document #3”. Please note: Anticipate 30 minutes additional drive time if coming from the north or east.
  - G. Public Comment on Modified Full Independence Alternate Assessment Eligibility Criteria – See enclosed document – 1/7/09 Document #4
- VIII. State Department Reports – Dr. Jacquelyn J. Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education/Early Intervention Services (OSE-EIS)
  - A. Updates
  - B. Due Process Hearing Findings Review – Harvalee Saunto: A function of the State Advisory Panel is to review and comment on completed due process hearing findings. This report on Due Process Hearing Findings is presented to the SEAC semiannually. See enclosed document – “Due Process Hearings – Decisions, July 1, 2008 – December 3, 2008” – 1/7/09 Document #5”
- IX. Reports from Ex-Officio Members
- X. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- A. SEAC Bylaws and Procedures Committee: Tom Langdon, chair, Tom Caldwell, Beverly Baroni-Yeglic, Diane Lanham. The task: to review the SEAC Bylaws and making recommendations as necessary. Target completion date: February 2009.
- XI. Subcommittee Reports – Reports from initial meetings
- XII. SEAC Dialogue – *Education Yes!* Change Questions
  - A. At the December 2008 SEAC meeting, Paul Bielawski, Special Assistant in the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability presented information on the changes to *Education Yes!* And asked SEAC to consider several questions with regard to those changes as they impact children with disabilities. Using facilitated dialogue, we will identify what needs to be discussed to respond to his questions and what, if any, additional background information we need for those discussions.
- XIII. SEAC Learning
  - A. Michigan Integrated Behavior and Learning Supports Initiative (MiBLSi): MiBLSi is designed to help students become better readers with appropriate behavior resulting in increased success in the school and community. To reach the goal, MiBLSi aims to develop support systems to help educators implement and sustain a data-driven problem-solving model in selected elementary schools. Dr. Steve Goodman, co-director of MiBLSi, Ottawa Area ISD will lead a presentation on MiBLSi and its impact on behavior and learning in schools in Michigan. See enclosed document - "MiBLSi Michigan's Integrated Behavior & Learning Support Initiative Project Overview, January, 2009– 1/7/09 Document #6"
- XIV. Information Items<sup>1</sup> - no information items are anticipated
- XV. Action Items – no action items are anticipated
- XVI. Emerging Issues – One of the federally defined duties of the State Advisory Panel is to advise the SEA of unmet needs within the state in the education of children with disabilities. The intent of the emerging issues item is to provide opportunity for members to articulate issues that rise to the level of being identified as an unmet need.
- XVII. Member Announcements
- XVIII. Future Agenda Considerations
  - A. Emeeting sessions to be held February 4, 2009 and April 1, 2009 at Eaton Intermediate School District, Charlotte Michigan.
- XIX. Process Check
- XX. Adjournment

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<sup>1</sup> Items requiring action by the SEAC are presented first as Information Items and then again as Action Items the following month.